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GUATEMALAN NATIONAL INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL RE-ENTRY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Guatemalan national was indicted by a federal grand jury for illegally re-entering the United States.

Hugo L. Mendez-Mendoza, 43, a national of Guatemala, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Mendez-Mendoza** illegally re-entered the United States after having been deported and after being convicted of a felony. The indictment alleges that **Mendez-Mendoza** was in the Western District of Missouri on Sept. 7, 2005, after having been convicted of robbery in 1998 and deported from the United States in 2001.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney William L. Meiners. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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